

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Willie Newsom, who passed away on  
5 February 7, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Willie Newsom was born on November 28, 1944 in  
7 Greenville, Mississippi to James and Lula Newsom; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Newsom received his early education at  
9 Coleman High School in Greenville, Mississippi; he accepted  
10 Christ at an early age at William Chapel Baptist Church in  
11 Lamont, Mississippi; he later relocated to Los Angeles,  
12 California from Mississippi in 1965; and

13 WHEREAS, "Big Willie" as he was affectionately called by  
14 his family and friends, was a singer/song writer and an  
15 outstanding entertainer who performed in Las Vegas, numerous  
16 clubs in the Los Angeles area, and in many other cities and  
17 states; his love for singing the blues was noted and loved by  
18 all who knew him; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Newsom was a member of many social and  
20 charity clubs, including the Pioneer Club, the Pure Pleasure  
21 Club, the Market Street Bar & Grill, and the Dynasty Club;  
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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Newsom received the "Best Male Blues  
24 Vocalist of the Year" Award numerous times throughout his 38  
25 years as a blues singer; and

26 WHEREAS, The passing of Willie Newsom will be deeply felt  
27 by all who knew and loved him, especially his loving mother,  
28 Lula Newsom; his children, Jackie, Colette, Shannae, Tamisha,  
29 Alicia, April, Shaquita, Chaviante, and Willie Jr.; his  
30 brothers, James Jr., Robert, and Jessie; his sisters, Mary,  
31 Pearlie, Dorothy, and Gloria; his grandchildren, Javeon,

1 Traveon, Jaeshon, Delvon, Moesha, Dewanya, and Le'Andre; his  
2 special friends, Ray Frank, Danny Woods, and Joe Kincaid; his  
3 fiancée, Carolyn Burroughs; his nieces, who include Valeria  
4 C. Davis, who is a Legislative Assistant to State  
5 Representative Charles G. Morrow, III; his nephews; and his  
6 other relatives and many friends; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Willie  
10 Newsom; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Willie Newsom with our sincere  
13 condolences.